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- Bulgarian authorities have begun to evacuate many villages on the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border from Kyustendil to the Danube River. One entire village below Kyustendil, and two other Bulgarian villages located between Caribrod, Yugoslavia and Visoko Rzana (sic), Bulgaria, were evacuated.
- 2. Along the entire Bulgarian border area from Kyustendil to the Danube River, military defense positions are being constructed under the supervision of Soviet officers. There are no Soviet troops located in the area.
- There have been no large-scale troop movements in Yugoslavia although recently there was some movement of artillery in the direction Belgrade-Caribrod, Belgrade-Nish-Djevdjelija, and Belgrade-Vrsac.
- 4. A few months ago heavy contingents of Yugoslav Army forces were transferred to an unspecified point in the vicinity of Bela Crkva on the Yugoslav-Rumanian frontier. No Yugoslavs are allowed in that particular area and no passes are issued under any circumstances. Yugoslav authorities do not permit anyone to approach the Yugoslav-Hungarian border area for a depth of 15 to 20 kilometers.

The Bulgarian Communist Party has little influence and authority over the Bulgarian population in Yugoslavia. It is believed that in the event of a conflict between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, there is little likelihood that the Bulgarian population in the Yugoslav border region will offer any resistance to Yugoslav forces.

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